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1. The grain elevator on wharf A in the port of Constanta has 16 suction tubes in groups of four. These tubes are connected to steel pipes that lead to the holds of the ships. Two cranes on rails are used for placing the tubes. Three ships can dock and load alongside the wharf at the same time with the help of the three 4-tube suction installations. The other 4-tube installation is held in reserve for an emergency.
2. The following eight warehouses are located on wharf B (see sketch):
 1. Single-story brick structure, 180 by 100 feet. The floor is the same level as the floor of railroad cars. It has four doors.
 2. Single-story concrete structure, 360 by 100 feet. The floor is the same level as the floor of railroad cars.
 3. Warehouse under construction, 360 by 100 feet. This building has a basement and the floor has been completed.
 4. An old frame warehouse, 60 by 100 feet, with only one door.
 5. Old frame warehouse, 100 by 100 feet, with two doors.
 6. Old frame warehouse, 60 by 100 feet, with two doors.
 7. Single-story concrete structure, 150 by 100 feet, with two doors. The floor is at the same level as the pavement of the wharf.
 8. Single-story frame building, 200 by 100 feet, with four doors. The floor is the same level as the pavement of the wharf.
3. There are three 2-ton cranes in front of warehouses 1 and 2, on rails. Each of these cranes had a sign indicating that the lifting capacity was 2,000 kilograms. A two-way railroad runs under these cranes. There is a third railroad track between the cranes and the warehouses.

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4. There are six new cranes with folding booms in front of warehouses 7 and 8. These cranes are also on rails. Each one has a sign indicating the lifting capacity which is 3,000 kilograms. One was being tested by lifting a cement block. A two-way railroad track was being laid under the cranes and another one between the cranes and the warehouses.
5. There are ten bitts along wharf B for tying up ships and seven bitts on wharf C. Pilot stated that the water was 25 feet deep at this point.
6. On 3 April 1955, two Soviet cruisers and nine Soviet destroyers anchored off the port. The following merchant ships were observed in the port:
 - a. Soviet tanker, MAHACHKALA, loading fuel.
 - b. Soviet tanker, MOSKVA, loading fuel.

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- f. The TRANSYLVANIA, Rumanian registry, undergoing repairs.

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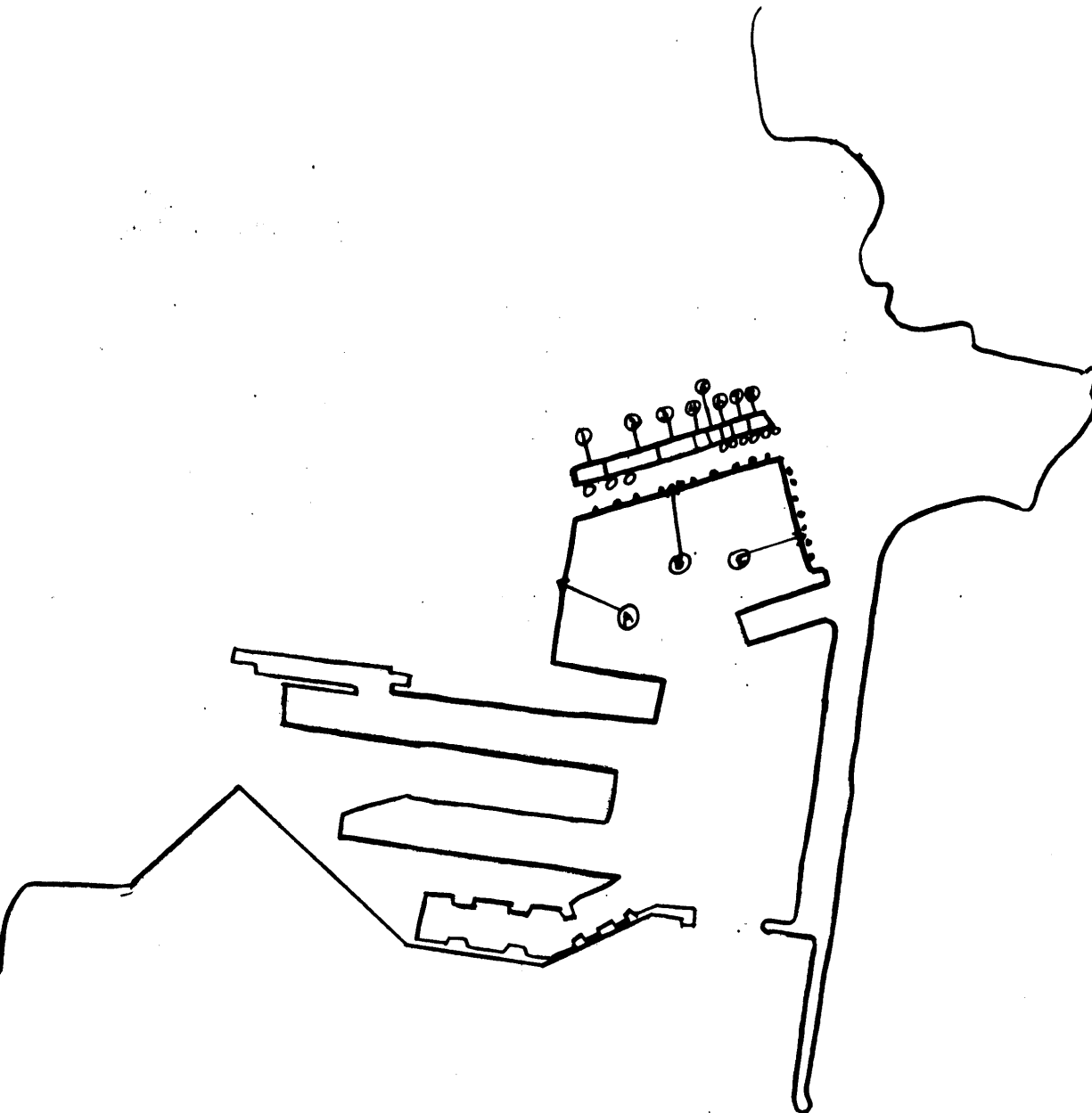
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